

## Kindergarten

### Choose two of the following books:

**Happy Birthday, Moon** by Frank Asch

Bear and Moon share a birthday. What shall Bear give to Moon as a present?

**Each Peach Pear Plum** by Janet and Allan Ahlberg

In this book, children can spy with their eyes as the story unfolds using familiar nursery characters hiding in delightful pictures. This book is a great follow-up to Mother Goose.

**Dr. Seuss's ABC** by Dr. Seuss

Alphabet letters, word play with sounds, and funny text make this a must!

**Blueberries for Sal** by Robert McCloskey

A little girl goes blueberry picking with her mom the same time a mother bear goes with her cub.

**The Napping House** by Audrey House

A great bedtime story.

**Corduroy** by Don Freeman

A classic story in which a stuffed bear waits hopefully in a store for a young girl's return to buy him.

**A House for Hermit Crab** by Eric Carle

Take a breathtaking underwater tour and meet brilliantly colored sea creatures that dazzle and delight readers.

**What Game Shall We Play?** By Pat Hutchins

Join Duck and Frog as they go out to play.

**Tidy Titch** by Pat Hutchins

Find out what happens when the older children clean their room.

**Bunny Cakes** by Rosemary Wells

It's Grandma's birthday and Max and Ruby each make a cake.

### Recommended Authors:

Denise Fleming, Lois Ehlert, Dr. Seuss, Rosemary Wells, Ellen Walsh, A.A. Milne, Margaret Rey, and Mother Goose.

## Grade One

### Required Selection:

**Leo the Late Bloomer** by Robert Kraus

Leo can't do anything right, Mom agrees, "Leo's just a late bloomer." Children will love Leo, so will their parents.

### Choose two of the following books:

**Mouse Soup** by Arnold Lobel

This winning Caldecott Medal fable book is an enchanting companion book to Mouse Tales. These short stories delight children who will want to read them over and over.

**Green Eggs and Ham** by Dr. Seuss

Sam I Am does not like Green Eggs and Ham. He sets off on an adventure until he finds a friend who does not like to eat Green Eggs and Ham. An easy to read, silly, rhyming book.

**The Hat** by Jan Brett

This story is a delightful, beautifully illustrated tale that can be read over and over.

**D.W. Thinks Big** by Marc Brown

D.W. is sad that she is not a major part of Aunt Lucy's wedding until she saves the day.

**One Morning in Maine** by Robert McCloskey

Sal loses her tooth, but finds she can still make a wish in an unexpected way. The story takes place on an island in Maine. Children will want to read this over and over.

**The Surprise Party** by Pat Hutchins

See how Rabbit's message, ("*I'm having a party tomorrow.*") changes as it travels from friend to friend.

**Fox and his Friends** by Edward Marshall

All fox wants to do is have fun with his friends. Unfortunately, Mom has other plans for him.

**The Reasons for the Seasons** by Gail Gibbons

This non-fiction book has wonderful information with illustrations to match.

**George and Martha** by James Marshall

George and Martha are appealing characters who share a special friendship.

### Recommended Authors:

Margaret Wise Brown, Beatrix Potter, Virginia Lee Burton, Eric Carle, Gail Gibbons, James Marshall, Tomie dePaola, Dr. Seuss and A.A. Milne

## Grade Two

### Required Selection:

**Frog and Toad Are Friends** by Arnold Lobel

This is a story of the friendship between Frog and Toad and their adventures in the woods (Caldecott Honor Book)

### Choose two of the following books:

**Stellaluna** by Janell Cannon

Stellaluna adapts to the habits of her new family. She learns the essence of friendship after her separation from her mother, before she is old enough to fly.

**Sylvester and the Magic Pebble** by William Steig

In a moment of fright, Sylvester asks the magic pebble to turn him into a rock, but then can not hold the pebble to wish himself back into a donkey. (Caldecott Medal)

**Chair For My Mother** by Vera Williams

A child, her waitress mother and her grandmother save dimes to buy a comfortable armchair after all their furniture is lost in a fire.

**Three By the Sea** by Edward Marshall

Three friends relax after their picnic lunch by each telling his or her best story.

**Ira Sleeps Over** by Bernard Waber

Ira wants to bring his teddy bear to sleep at a friend's house, but is afraid of being teased.

**Arthur's Family Vacation** by Marc Brown

Arthur makes his family's potentially disastrous vacation into a successful one.

**Doctor DeSoto** by William Steig

Doctor DeSoto was not in the habit of treating animals that were dangerous to mice. When a fox with a painful toothache showed up, he had quite a decision to make.

**Relatives Came** by Cynthia Rylant

The relatives come to visit from Virginia and everyone has a wonderful time! (Caldecott Honor Book)

**Dear Annie** by Judith Caseley

Annie sends and receives postcards from her grandfather from the time she was born.

### Recommended Authors:

Judith Viorst, Vera Williams, Rosemary Wells, Ezra Jack Keats, John Birmingham, Eve Bunting, Steven Kellogg, Judy Blume, Pat Hutchins, Dr. Seuss

## Grade Three

### Required Selection:

**The Bee Tree** by Patricia Polacco

Searching for a bee tree, Grampa and Mary Ellen chase a bottle of bees through Bishop's Meadow, into Dunk Woods, and beyond; picking up a group of colorful nineteenth-century characters along the way.

### Choose two of the following books:

**Oh, Boy, Boston** by Patricia Reilly Giff

The Polk Street Kids are on their class trip to Boston! They're going to fly kites on Boston Common, walk the Freedom Trail and put on a play with Richard "Beast" Best as Paul Revere.

**Fantastic Mr. Fox** by Roald Dahl

The extraordinary adventures of three nasty farmers, two curious creatures, and one fabulous fox and his family who outwits them all.

**Look to the North: A Wolf Pup Diary** by Jean Craighead George

Newbery Medalist Jean Craighead George tracks the development of three wolf cubs over the course of a year.

**The Stories Julian Tells** by Ann Cameron

This collection of short stories is chiefly about the home life of Julian and his family.

**Ramona the Pest** by Beverly Cleary

Ramona is off to kindergarten, and it's the greatest day in her life. So how in the world does she get in trouble?

**Amber Brown Is Not a Crayon** by Paula Danzinger

Amber Brown's close friendship with Justin Daniels will end soon because Justin's family is moving.

**A Boy Called Slow: The True Story of Sitting Bull** by Joseph Bruchac

A Sioux boy named Slow is anxious to be given a name as strong and brave as that of his father. Eventually, he earns the proud name Sitting Bull.

**Freckle Juice** by Judy Blume

Andrew wants freckles so badly that he buys Sharon's freckle recipe for fifty cents.

**Nate the Great and the Stolen Base** by Marjorie Weinman Sharmat

Somebody has stolen second base. Nate the Great is called to help.

### Recommended Authors:

Robert McCloskey, John Peterson, JonScieszka, Chris Van Allsburg, Gertrude Chandler Warner, Patricia McKissack, Paula Danziger, Allen Say, David Adler, Marjorie Weinman Sharmat.

## Grade Four

### **Required Selection:**

**Frindle** by Andrew Clement

What if one day you decided to stop calling a word like pen “pen” and started calling it something else – like “frindle?” When Nicholas Allen does just that, and encourages all of his friends to start using the new word, his experiment turns the town upside down. This is an imaginative tale about creative thought and the power of words.

### **Choose two of the following books:**

**Arthur for the Very First Time** by Patricia MacLachlan

After a summer visit to his aunt and uncle’s farm, Arthur begins to understand there is more than one way of seeing and doing and loving – that there is a world waiting for him to discover. (An ALA Notable Children’s Book)

**My Side of the Mountain** by Jean Craighead George

In a spellbinding, touching, funny account, Sam learns to live off the land, and grows up a little in the process.

**Anastasia Krupnik** by Lois Lowry (Newbery Award Winner)

Frustrated by her teacher and her parents, ten-year-old Anastasia treasures the secret green notebook in which she writes her thoughts.

**The Secret Garden** by Frances Hodgson Burnett

What secrets lie behind the doors at Misselthwaite Manor? Three children find a secret garden and make it bloom again.

**Lost Star** by Patricia Lauber

This book offers a fascinating look at the life of a remarkable woman and the unsolved mystery surrounding her disappearance during her attempt to fly around the world in 1937.

**Number the Stars** by Lois Lowry (Newbery Award Winner)

This fictional story about a girl named Annemarie Johanson. Her best friend, Ellen, is a Jew and the Nazi soldiers are after her family. It’s a wonderful story about Annemarie’s loyalty to her friend and her stand against the Nazis.

**Trumpet of the Swan** by E.B. White

To win the love of a beautiful swan, Louis, a trumpeter swan (who can read and write but cannot make a sound) leaves his beloved wilderness to find out how to become a successful trumpeter.

### **Recommended Authors:**

Matt Christopher, Roald Dahl, Ann McGovern, Lois Lowry, Eleanor Coerr, Mildred Taylor, Ann Turner, Laura Ingalls Wilder, Patricia Polacco.

## Grade Five

### Required Selection:

**Shiloh** by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor

Marty's deception in secretly keeping a beagle pup that he knows belongs to a cruel owner causes him heartache and trouble as one lie leads to another. A near tragedy reveals his secret and brings Marty face-to-face with the owner.

### Choose two of the following books:

**Baseball Saved Us** by Ken Mochizuki

A Japanese boy discovers hope and self-respect at an internment camp during World War II.

**Poppy** by Avi

At the very edge of Dimwood Forest stood an old charred oak where, silhouetted by the moon, a great horned owl sat waiting. The owl's name was Mr. Ocax, and he looked like death himself. With his piercing gaze, he surveyed the lands he called his own, watching for the creatures he considered his subjects. Not one of them ever dared to cross his path...until the terrible night when two little mice went dancing in the moonlight...This is a wondrous tale of a fiercely determined mouse battling a tyrannical hoot owl.

**The Boggart** by Susan Cooper

When Emily and Jess Volnik's family in Toronto inherits an ancient castle in Scotland, they also inherit the Boggart, an invisible, mischievous spirit who's been playing tricks on residents of Castle Keep for generations. Then the Boggart is trapped in a roll-top desk and shipped to the Volnik's home, where nothing will ever be the same.

**The Black Cauldron** by Lloyd Alexander

In the imaginary land of Prydain, where "evil is never distant," it has become imperative that the Black Cauldron, chief implement of the diabolical Arawn, be destroyed.

**Maniac Magee** by Jerry Spinelli

Not every boy becomes a legend in his own time. That's what happened to Maniac Magee, who earned his nickname by doing brave and foolish things, like running away from an unloving home, living in the zoo, and bringing people closer together.

**Bridge to Terabithia** by Katherine Paterson

This is the story of a very special friendship between a boy and girl.

**The Secret of the Attic** by Sheri Cooper Sinykin

Four friends find a golden key that unlocks a neighbor's attic. There they discover a trunk full of wonderful costumes and a mirror that transports them into the past.

**The Chocolate Touch** by Patrick Shene Catling

Everything King Midas touched turned to gold. John Midas had...the Chocolate Touch!

**Grade Five - Continued**

**Pleasing the Ghost** by Sharon Creech

The ghost of his uncle visits nine-year old Dennis, whose uncle and father died within a year of one another, and together they settle some unfinished business.

**Recommended Authors:**

C.S. Lewis, Robert Newton Peck, Lloyd Alexander, Sharon Creech, Gary Paulsen, Katherine Paterson, Ann Rinaldi, John Bellairs, E.L.Konigsburg, T.M. Murphy, Phyllis Reynolds Naylro, Jane Yolen, Patricia McLachlan, Scott O'Dell, Betsy Byars, Paul Zindel, James Lincoln Collier & Christopher Collier.

## Grade Six

### Required Selection:

**A Wrinkle in Time** by M. L'Engle.

A trio of unearthly visitors changes the lives of Meg, Charles and their scientist mother. This is an imaginative tale of the fifth dimension of time travel and the quest of Meg and Charles to save their father who has mysteriously disappeared.

### Choose two of the following books:

**The Moves Make the Man** by Brooks.

A story of friendship and fast action on the basketball court. (Newbery Honor)

**S.O.R. Losers** by Avi.

This is a story of a funny original sports saga of a team that can't win! (Horn Book)

**The View From Saturday** by E.L. Konigsburg.

This is a story of a group of sixth grade students who pull together, beat the odds and win the Academic Bowl Championship. (Newbery Award)

**Walk Two Moons** by Sharon Creech.

This funny, mysterious and touching story is about a thirteen-year-old who travels from Ohio to Idaho with her eccentric grandparents. (Newbery Award, ALA Best)

**The Ear, The Eye and The Arm** by Nancy Farmer.

This Fantasy, mystery and adventure story is set in the future. (Newbery Honor)

**The Cat Ate My Gymsuit** by Paula Danziger.

This story tells of a student's effort to organize a protest against the suspension of a favorite teacher.

**Afternoon of the Elves** by J. Lisle

This is a story of something strange and wonderful that has appeared in Sam and Kate's junkyard – a tiny village of sticks and leaves. (Newbery Honor)

**The Story of My Life: Helen Keller** by Helen Keller.

This is a story of an amazing woman who overcame physical handicaps.

**Banner In The Sky** by J. Ullman.

In this story, a boy chooses to save an enemy's life rather than following his dream.

**Lassie Come Home** by e. Knight.

Lassie sets out on a 400-mile journey to find her beloved master.

**Who Was That Masked Man Anyway?** by Avi.

This hilarious story is about two boys in New York, 1945, who set out to right all the wrongs in the world. (ALA, SLJ)



**Grade Six - Continued.**

**Ella Enchanted** by Gail Levine.

Ella of Frell was the recipient of a foolish fairy's gift – the gift of obedience. She must obey any order given to her. Against a backdrop of princes and fairy godmothers, Ella tries to break the curse. (Newbery Honor)

**Incident at Hawk's Hill** by Eckert.

A moving survival story about a boy who is adopted by a badger. (Newbery Honor)

**Treasure Island** by R.L. Stevenson.

This is a classic story of buried treasure, piracy and adventure in days past.

**The Black Pearl** by Scott O'Dell.

A story of a boy who finds the Pearl of Heaven and earns the hatred of his people and the notorious devilfish. (Newbery Honor, ALA Best)

**Wringer** by Jerry Spinelli.

Palmer dreads turning ten because he does not want to become a "wringer" at the Family Fest. After great personal struggle, Palmer stops being afraid and stands up for what he believes in. (Newbery Honor)

**Crazy Lady** by J. Conly.

In this story of a boy comes to understand his own life through his relationship with Maxine and her special son. (Newbery Honor)

## Grade Seven

### Required Selection:

**The Slave Dancer** by Paula Fox.

Story of a young fifer who is forced to play his fife for the slaves to keep their muscles strong. Newbery.

### Choose two of the following:

**Here's to you Rachel Robinson** by J. Blume.

A humorous story about a seventh grader's trip to Ellis Island. ALA Best Book

**The Outsiders** by S.E. Hinton.

A story of two rival gangs told from the point of view of a young man.

**The Pigman** by Zindel.

A story of love and friendship between two teens and an old man.

**Pigman And Me** by Zindel.

A biography of a boy struggling to overcome the cruelties of life with humor and a little help from a wise pigman. ALA Best Book.

**The Haymeadow** by G. Paulsen.

A survival story about a boy who puts himself in danger in order to win his father's approval. ALA Best Book.

**Bull Run** by P. Fieschman.

A re-creation of the first battle of the Civil War from the points of view of sixteen participants, Northern, Southern, white, black, etc. ALA Best Book.

**Shabanu: Daughter of the Wind** by Staples.

A story of a Pakistani girl who questions an arranged marriage. Newbery Honor.

**The Devil's Arithmetic** by Yolen.

Hannah resents her Jewish heritage until she time travels to a Polish village in the 1940's. National Jewish Book Award.

**The Pistachio Prescription** by P. Danziger.

A funny novel about a 13 year old and her family.

**Zlata's Diary** by Z. Filipovic and B. Elleman.

A moving story of a young girl's life in war-torn Sarajevo. A remarkable story of a childhood lost to war.

**Lincoln: A Photobiography** by Russell Freedman.

Outstanding biography with 90 black and white photos. Newbery Honor.

**Fantastic Voyage** by Asimov.

Five doctors are miniaturized and injected into a man's arteries in order to destroy a blood clot.

**Dandelion Wine** by R. Bradbury.

A twelve year old experiences a strange and wonderful summer.

**Grade Seven – Continued.**

**Hoops** by Myers.

A young man looks to basketball as a ticket out of the ghetto. Young Adult Choice.

**The Watson's Go To Birmingham – 1963** by C. Curtis.

Kenny Watson tells of his African American family, the “Weird Watsons” of Flint, Michigan. Life takes a turn as the Watson’s visit Birmingham, Alabama during this troubled period.

**Belle Prater's Boy** by R. White.

When Belle Prater disappears, her son, Woodrow, comes to live in Virginia. He and his cousin become best friends and overcome hardships they face. Newbery Honor, ALA Best.

**The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle** by Avi.

An adventure of a young girl’s sailing trip from England to Providence, Rhode Island in 1832. Newbery Honor.

**Tangerine** by Bloor.

Paul Fisher, a legally blind seventh grader, has a passion for soccer and a deep mistrust of his football hero brother, Erik. All are blind to the terrifying truth about Erik. ALA Top Ten.

## Grade Eight

### Required Selection:

**Nothing But The Truth** by Avi.

This is a thought provoking story about a ninth grader who is suspended from school for humming "*The Star Spangled Banner*" during homeroom and as a result, he finds himself the focus of a national news story. Newbery Honor, ALA Notable, Booklist Editor's Choice, Golden Kite Award.

### Choose two of the following:

**Whirligig** by P. Fleischman.

In the aftermath of a fatal car crash, a teenager slowly realizes how people come together to affect each other in surprising ways. Newbery Honor.

**California Blue** by D. Klass.

A story of a young teen who is caught in a battle between environmentalists and his community and he must deal with his father's conflicting values. Young Adult Choice, ALA Best.

**Cold Sassy Tree** by Burns.

A southern teen's grandfather elopes with a young Yankee woman – a snapshot of life in the south in 1906. ALA Best.

**Earthquake at Dawn** by Gregory.

An amazing account of the San Francisco earthquake in 1906. ALA Best.

**The Ramsay Scallop** by Temple.

A story about 14 year old Eleanor who waits for her beloved to return from the Crusades. ALA Best.

**Rumble Fish** by Hinton.

Street gangs and lack of direction cause big problems for Rusty James.

**A Hero Ain't Nothing But a Sandwich** by Childress.

A moving story about a teenager's struggle with drugs.

**Out of the Dust** by K. Hesse.

Billy Jo struggles with personal adversity while dealing with the devastating storms of the 1930's. Newbery Award.

**The Time Machine** by H. G. Wells.

Classic science fiction story concerning a journey into the fourth dimension.

**Childhood's End** by A. Clark.

A story dealing with the next step in human development: homo superior.

**Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea** by J. Verne.

A classic tale about an embittered genius who takes refuge from humanity aboard his fantastic submarine, the *Nautilus*.

**Alice In Wonderland** by L. Carroll.

A classic. Alice falls into a rabbit hole and ends up in another world.

**Grade Eight - Continued.**

**The Adventures of Tom Sawyer** by Mark Twain.

A classic tale of a young boy's adventures, runaway slaves and life on the Mississippi in the mid 1800's.

**Where the Red Fern Grows** by Rawls.

Billy makes his two dogs the finest hunting team in the valley. They win the gold cup, but then tragedy strikes.

**Trouble With Lemons** by Hayes.

Two eighth grade misfits discover a dead body in a quarry and work to solve the mystery. ALA Best Book.

**Tiger Eyes** by Blume.

A young girl struggles with grief over the murder of her father. ALA Best Book.

**Phoenix Rising** by Hesse.

An accident at a nuclear power plant changes life on the farm for 13 year old Nyle and his grandmother. ALA Best.

**Holes** by Sachar.

Stanley is sent to a detention center and is subjected to digging huge holes

**Deadly Deception** by B. Haynes.

A suspenseful novel about a teen who delves into the murder of a school counselor – a page turner.